Update on E-government

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E-gov & the New Administration

- Strong Administration commitment to e-gov and moving government online
- ✓ Goal of reforming & modernizing the government into a "Citizen-centered, results-oriented, market-based government"
- ✓ E-gov featured prominently in the April 9th release of the U.S. Budget

E-gov in the Budget

- ✓ Four Major Points:
 - FirstGov.gov
 - Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA)
 - E-government Fund
 - Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Bridge

Firstgov.gov

- ✓ "Your First Click to Government Information" -- online information portal that provides 24/7 access to all Government online information.
- ✓ Development of cross-agency "Firstgov" portals that address specific user groups & topics
 - Seniors (seniors.gov), Workers (workers.gov), Disability.gov

Gov't Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) -- P.L. 105-277 (Title VII)

- ✓ Agencies to automate interactions with outside partners/customers by October 2003 to the extent practicable.
- ✓ Electronic signatures should not be denied legal effect because electronic
- ✓ Encourages electronic filling, electronic record-keeping and electronic signatures.
- ✓ Guidance from OMB, NIST/PKI, DOJ, Treasury & NARA (see www.cio.gov)

E-government Fund

✓ FY 2002 US Budget allots \$20 million fund in 2002 as first installment of 3 year, \$100 million fund to "support interagency e-gov initiatives"

OMB controls the allotment of funds

Criteria still being developed

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

- ✓ Public Key Infrastructure Bridge to implement digital signatures that are accepted across agencies for secure online transactions. (currently still a prototype)
- ✓ For more information:
 - Federal Public Key Infrastructure Steering
 Committee

http://cio.gov/fpkisc

The bottom line:

E-government may be the wave of the government's future, but remember:

- Security
- Privacy
- Government Information policy (OMB Circular A-130)
- ...are still important in both the paper and electronic worlds.